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"I am not a visionary man; I am not a dreamer; I have never seen an angel; but I have the assurance that comes to me and is burned in my heart like a living fire by the power of the Holy Ghost, that God is the Father, that Jesus is the Christ."—J. GOLDEN KIMBALL.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS STILL OPERATIVE

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I DO not know when I have felt happier or more grateful for the blessings of life than I do to-day. There are many things for which we have reason to thank our Heavenly Father, this temple block with its unusually fine buildings and beautiful flowers and shrubbery being only one. When I realize that our people came from a land rich agriculturally, made their way across the great plains after being driven from their comfortable homes in Illinois, and came into this then desert-waste to build up the Church to the glory of God; and as I observe how He has transformed the desert, I know that I for one have much to be grateful for.

Recently we traveled four hundred miles over a portion of the old pioneer trail, and stood at the side of one grave containing the bodies of fifteen of the members of this Church who gave their all for the cause and passed on to their reward, and hundreds of others lie in unmarked graves.

I have been on that trail over which barefoot, hungry and weary, in the cold of winter and the heat of summer, thousands of our people wended their way into this valley, buoyed up with the hope that they could here worship God according to the dictates of their consciences. To-day when I think of this marvellous land in which we live, this world-famed temple block, this edifice that has been dedicated to the worship of our Father in heaven, it seems to me that we who are here ought to examine ourselves and check on our lives and see whether or not we are living up to our privileges and are worthy of that which the Lord has given us. He has said:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

It was in order that we might know what His will is towards His children that He gave Joseph Smith, the boy prophet, the latter-day revelation which resulted in the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Then some of the very stalwarts of the earth were pricked in their hearts with a desire to know the truth, and the missionaries of the Church sought them among the nations, and the pilgrimage to this western world began. The community comforts that we enjoy here are the result of their faith and devotion.

It is worth our while sometimes to just check over what the Lord said to the children of Israel through Moses, when they were in the wilderness. I note that among the things He commanded them was this:

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

I hope that the members of this Church who have had the Ten Commandments and all the glorious truths of the Old Testament and the New Testament placed before them for their understanding, and have been instructed in our day by latter-day revelation—I hope, I say, that not any of these would be so thoughtless that they would take lightly upon their lips the sacred name of our Father in heaven.

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY"

He also said: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." That seems such a little thing for us to do in return for the blessings that we enjoy. But to forget that it is the Lord's day, as some of us appear to do, is ungrateful. He has set apart one day in seven, not to make it a burden, but to bring joy into our lives and cause that our homes may be the gathering place of the family, that parents and children may assemble around the family hearth increasing our love for one another. And if we do what our Heavenly Father would have us do, we will go to His holy house upon the Sabbath day and there partake of the sacrament in remembrance of the sacrifice that was made for us by the Redeemer of mankind.

Honour the Sabbath day and keep it holy, Latter-day Saints, and it will bring to you great joy and our Heavenly Father will bestow upon you the blessings that result from obedience to His advice and counsel.

He says further, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." It seems to me that it ought not to be necessary to say anything of that kind to a people like you who are sitting in this house to-day. Surely we honour our fathers and our mothers.

Surely this people, above all other people in the earth, should be grateful for father and mother. Perhaps we know more than other people what it means to be blessed, to come through a lineage in this latter day, that has accepted the Gospel of our Lord and conformed their lives to its teachings. It is comforting to think of father and mother. Honour father and mother! Surely that is a privilege. It is one of the joys of my life when I feel that I have done something that will bring comfort to my father and mother. I felt that way when they were here, and now that they have passed to the great beyond, I would like to so order my life that honour will come to their names, and that when I meet them they will be glad to welcome me home.

I think that the Latter-day Saints should be stressing these admonitions of our Heavenly Father, teaching our children by example as well as precept that it is a privilege to honour the Sabbath day and keep it holy, that it is a real blessing to honour our fathers and mothers, that in this day when the world is so depressed—in a day when people are tempted to do things that perhaps they would not do under other circumstances—it is wise for us to remember what the Lord has said and to read these Ten Commandments. I will not read them all, but I shall refer to one or two others.

"Thou shalt not kill." Many people in the world do not seem to realize what a terrible crime it is to take human life. When they become angry, for justifiable reasons as they think, they do not hesitate to destroy human life. Sometimes a life is taken in order that money or property may be seized. And yet there is no crime that a human being can commit that will so far alienate him from the blessings of eternal life in the celestial kingdom, as murder. No other crime is equal to it. I think that it is our privilege in this Church, to teach our children, while in their tender years and while they are growing up, the enormity of the crime of taking human life. I feel that our Heavenly Father would justify this people if we would stress, if I may be permitted to use that term, in our homes and in our chapels the sacredness of human life, and the seriousness and importance of living, and cause these boys and girls who are growing up to understand how terrible it would be to commit the awful crime of murder, so that they would not be tempted under any condition so to do.

PURITY OF LIFE

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." In our day, it does seem to me that the people of the world have gone far astray. There are many who stand in high places, who have forgotten the sacredness of pure living, and who are forfeiting the opportunity God gave to them to increase their power for happiness in life and to give joy to others. They have surrended their virtue in order to

satisfy their passions, with the result that they cut themselves off from the companionship of the Spirit of our Heavenly Father and follow the tempter who seeks to destroy them.

Latter-day Saints, teach your children to observe the moral law. Surround them as with the arms of your love, that they may have no desire whatever to partake of the temptations to evil that surround them on every hand. I want to say to you that there is something more for us to do than send them to Sabbath School, to Primary, to Mutual, and these other organizations in the Church. It is important that we as their fathers and mothers shall teach them, and not only teach them, but train them in the pathway of our Heavenly Father, that they may understand the importance and seriousness of the things that confront them in life.

What a privilege it is for parents to sit down in their own homes, surrounded by a family of pure boys and girls given to them by our Heavenly Father, their spirits begotten by our Father in Heaven! What a joy it is to have them mingle together partaking of the blessings of our Heavenly Father and rejoicing in the companionship of His Spirit, and to have them so trained in their younger days that while developing to maturity they have maintained the purity of their lives!

SAFEGUARD THE RISING GENERATION

My brethren and sisters, I plead with you that with more earnestness, with more thoughtfulness, more patience than ever before, you safeguard the rising generation from the pitfalls that the adversary has laid for their feet. Many of our picture shows, radio programmes, magazines, books, etc., are unfit for respectable communities, and unless we neutralize the influence of these things by wholesome teaching and environment, bringing to the youth the benefits derived from knowing the lives of good men and women, teaching them the virtues of the prophets and the meaning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, some of those whom we love may slip away from us, and when it is too late we realize that we have been sleeping on our privileges.

Let us teach our children to be pure in their lives, to be upright. Teach your boys to safeguard the virtue of their sisters and their girl companions. Teach your daughters to safeguard the virtue of the boys they associate with, by restraining them from taking too many liberties in this day when so many liberties are considered proper.

I am talking to you, and through you I hope I am talking to those with whom you contact. It is not only our mission to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and live it, but it is our mission to send into the world our sons and daughters as they are called upon from time to time to labour in the ministry of the Church. As they go they should have been so trained that they would be

adamant against the temptations of the adversary; they should be as pure and virtuous and righteous in their lives as it is possible to be, and then the influence of their very presence will be felt by those with whom they contact. The Spirit of God will not dwell in unclean tabernacles, but His Spirit will dwell with those who keep themselves clean and sweet.

Therefore, let us major, if we may use the term, in rearing our boys and girls under the influence of the Spirit of God, that the adversary will have no power to lead them astray.

"THOU SHALT NOT STEAL"

"Thou shalt not steal," is another of the commandments. It is astonishing how many men and women who have always lived good lives will yield to temptation to take that which does not belong to them. For the past few years we have been passing through a change. There seems to have been a letting down in the matter of honesty. Our Heavenly Father knew that we would need this commandment when He gave it. It was not given just to be written in the scriptures and then laid upon the shelf. It was given to be proclaimed upon the housetops, if need be. It was written that the Elders might go among the people and call their attention to the sorrow and distress that would follow the taking of that which does not belong to them, when they do it without permission.

"Thou shalt not steal." This commandment was given to ancient Israel, and punishment was meted out to those in that day who were dishonest. It is binding upon us to-day and I want to say to you that the punishment that is meted out to those who are dishonest in our day, when they are apprehended and haled before the courts of the land and punished for their crimes, is insignificant when compared with the spiritual punishment that befalls us when we transgress the law of honesty and violate that commandment of God.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Within the last few days I had brought to my attention what appeared to me to be a serious violation of this law. A great and good man who has sacrificed much in the world to bless mankind, and has been helpful to many people, had his character assailed and his name was bandied around upon lips of individuals unworthy to be his companions. They did it to gain selfish advantage. They whispered falsehoods about him hoping to injure his reputation and in some way benefit themselves. Of course, in due time they must atone for their injustice and be humiliated, for they cannot escape retribution.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour," is in the same category as the other commandments our Heavenly Father has given to the children of men. I hope that not any of the members of the Church would stoop to injure the reputation

of any soul because they had some object to gain. I hope that we would not accept lightly a reproach or unkind word from one individual about another, and pass it on in the community to the detriment and harm of a good man or a good woman, or to the detriment of a bad man or a bad woman, if it be not true. I think that this community ought to be setting an example. I think that the Elders of this Church ought to honour their place among the people, and when there is a disposition to criticize, find fault and malign and misrepresent those who are seeking to do good in the world, not remain silent and be cowardly, because it does seem to me that is what it amounts to sometimes, but in the courage and majesty of the spirit of our Heavenly Father, we should restrain in a way that will bring to their senses those who go about viciously misrepresenting their fellows.

"THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS"

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." During the upheaval we are passing through, when there is so much uncertainty about the future, there is great need for every good man and woman to hold as a precious gift the reputation of our fellows. We should cultivate a feeling and desire to bless and benefit our kind. It should be my privilege to restrain those with whom I may associate from speaking evil of others. I believe that when the Lord gave this commandment to ancient Israel, He expected those of us who understand it to assist in making it effective and in restraining as far as possible the untruths that might be scattered abroad from time to time about those who are our associates.

The Lord says further, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's."

In other words, our Heavenly Father has given us this law. We have a right to appreciate and enjoy to the full the things that come into our hands as a result of our own efforts. We have a perfect right to enjoy to the full these things that come to us in a temporal way, but just the moment that we begin to desire that which belongs to somebody else, just the moment we begin to look about to see how we might obtain that which is not our own and become covetous of that which belongs to our neighbours, just so soon do we forfeit the spirit of our Heavenly Father, and we have gone into the devil's territory and are in his power.

A good man who was a counsellor to President Brigham Young said upon one occasion, "There is a line of demarcation well defined. On one side of the line is the Lord's territory, and on the other side of the line is the devil's territory. If you will stay on the Lord's side of the line the devil cannot come over there to

tempt you or to annoy or distress you. If you go onto the devil's side of the line just one inch you are in his territory, you are in his power, and he will seek to draw you just as far from that line of demarcation, that division line, as he can, knowing that if he can keep you in his territory he has you in his power."

Those who disobey these Ten Commandments of our Heavenly Father, no matter in how small a degree it may be, have gone into the devil's territory, and it is time that we as members of this Church, living in this day and age of the world, should understand that. No man can do that which is wrong and stay on the Lord's side of the line. No man can violate the Word of Wisdom and be on the Lord's side of the line. We choose where we will be. God has given us our agency. He will not take it from us, and if I do that which is wrong and get into the devil's territory, I do it because I have the will and power to do it. I cannot blame anybody else. and if I determine to keep the commandments of God and live as I ought to live and stay on the Lord's side of the line I do it because I ought to do it, and I will receive my blessing for it. It will not be the result of what somebody else may do.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR FATHER'S CHILDREN

Therefore, living in this day when there are so many temptations, the Word of Wisdom ought to be stressed among the people of this Church. Our Heavenly Father, knowing the calamities that would come upon the earth, knowing the evils and designs that would exist in the hearts of conspiring men, gave to us the Word of Wisdom by revelation and warned us and forewarned us of what would come to pass. It does seem that every attempt of the adversary has been made to neutralize the advice of our Heavenly Father. I hope there are no members of this Church, who have been honoured with the Priesthood, who would in any way weaken the power of God to bless His children by seeking to place temptation in their way, or who would think it an insignificant thing to try to break down the barriers God has raised for the protection of His children. I hope that as men and women, with the knowledge that has been bestowed upon us, we will resist day by day with such power as we have the right to resist, every attempt of evil to break down and destroy the morals, the character and the virtue of our people, and the sons and daughters of God wherever they may be.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe and who obey its precepts. We have been better taught than the world. We cannot make the excuses of the world if we fail. How grateful I feel that I am this day in the midst of a group of men and women who desire first of all to honour God and keep His commandments.

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EDITORIAL

INDIVIDUAL vs. MASS SALVATION

THERE stands my brother! For him the plan of salvation was formulated, the earth created, and life on earth inaugurated. That is, the Gospel is concerned with individual salvation, not mass salvation. As individuals are, so will be the aggregate of individuals, the mass.

Man-made governments point with pride to the high percentage of their citizens who enjoy education, health or wealth. The government of God, on the other hand, brushes percentages aside, and enquires after those, the individuals, who suffer for want of life's necessities and comforts. A high average prosperity may satisfy a statesman; but those in need must be the concern of all who walk in the Master's path. The last remaining sinner or sufferer renders the work of God incomplete.

On this battleground were ranged the contending hosts of heaven in the pre-existent council in heaven. Lucifer proposed mass salvation, willy nilly, without individual effort. Every man should be saved, irrespective of his desire or fitness. The Lord also offered salvation to all, but on the condition that each individual, by accepting the conditions imposed under God's never-ending love, must earn his salvation. Lucifer ignored the individual; the Gospel makes the individual paramount. Person by person do men climb slowly but surely into the heights. No mechanical device can lift the crowd into heaven.

This is a test by which earthly affairs may be interpreted. Men shout loudly of means and measures that will bring peace and prosperity to the world. A nation is to be transformed over night by a magic formula. Such a thing is not possible. Only as every individual reshapes his own life in conformity with a proposed plan, is ultimate salvation under that plan realized. Law must live in every man's heart before the land is blessed. The culture and training, as well as the freedom, of the individual, is the beginning of national welfare. That is the first principle of a sound political philosophy, the only final cure for economic and social ills.

Great is the individual man in the plan of the Lord! For him are the heavens and the earth. Therefore, brethren and sisters, each one of us, listen to the ancient call: Let every man set his own house in order! And we should urge all others to do the same. When all shall do this, the joy of heaven will cover the earth.—W.

TEN COMMANDMENTS STILL OPERATIVE

(Concluded from page 103)

I thank Him for the warning that has come to me through the revelations that have been given to this Church, and among them I am reminded of a portion of the 28th chapter II Nephi, indicating the attitude of the evil doer, which I read as follows:

And there shall also be many which shall say: Eat, drink, and be merry; nevertheless, fear God—He will justify in committing a little sin.

Think of that—the suggestion that a little sin will be justified. Yet in the very first revelation contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, that which is known as the Preface, we find these words:

For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance.

Yet there are those who would say that because it is a little sin our Heavenly Father does not care. Continuing the quotation from II Nephi:

Yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words.

Think of what that means, the whisperings of the adversary to lie a little. Whether it be a lie intended to affect a religious organization, a business organization, a political organization, or an individual, the lie will brand the one who tells it, and sooner or later he will have to account for the wrong he has committed.

Yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbour; there is no harm in this; and do all these things, for to-morrow we die; and if it so be that we are guilty, God will beat us with a few stripes, and at last we shall be saved in the kingdom of God.

That is what the adversary of righteousness is saying to the children of men. That is what Lucifer who goes about defiling the people is breathing into their souls. That is the kind of doctrine that is being disseminated in the world by some of those who ought to be the leaders of morality and also of righteousness. But to you, my brethren and sisters, the obligation has been given that you must refute such things as these when you know of them.

We read further:

Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.

And then further:

And others he will pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none—and thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance.

Yea, they are grasped with death, and hell; and death, and hell, and the devil, and all that have been seized therewith must stand before the throne of God, and be judged according to their works, from whence they must go into the place prepared for them, even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

This is the word of the prophet of the Lord, spoken hundreds of years ago of what would exist in the world, and I bear you my witness to-day, my brethren and sisters, that that is a condition that does exist in the world in the day and age in which we live. And as your brother, I plead with you that in the dignity of your membership in the great Church of the Lamb of God, you resist the insidious temptations of the adversary, and that in your homes and elsewhere you teach and exemplify virtue and righteousness. See that the teachings of the Lord are so disseminated that every soul that comes within your portals will enjoy the blessing that is the result of the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

I know this is God's work. I know the adversary is awake; his end is drawing near and he is putting forth every effort in every conceivable way to blind the eyes of the children of men. Therefore, watchmen upon the towers of Zion, see to it that you do not shirk your responsibility. See to it that you do not turn aside from the opportunities that our Heavenly Father has placed in your way to be helpful. Let us go forward loving our fellows, always desiring their uplift and blessing, carrying the Gospel message in such a way that the adversary shall have no power to stay it. And then in the end, when life is completed and we stand in the presence of our Father in heaven, may we because of the work we have accomplished and our devotion to our Father's children, receive from Him that glorious welcome home, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Address delivered at the one-hundred and third semi-annual conference, held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., October 7th, 1932.)

PRIESTHOOD

In keeping with instructions received from the European Mission Office, we are to spend the next four or five months studying the Guidebook, "Branch Supervision." At least three copies of this booklet are already in each branch, being in the possession of the members of the Branch Presidency. If more are needed they can be secured through the district office. We are sure to derive much benefit from this course, since we are all expected to be familiar with the government of the branch. During our study of "Branch Supervision," we will resume our regular nights for public speaking, using every other night for the consideration of some pertinent doctrinal matter which will be presented by

various members of the class. Enter into the spirit of these lessons and discussions. Make the most of your opportunities. A more difficult assignment will follow this course of study. Let us all be ready and able to fill it through our preparation.

First Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Branch Supervision.* Chapter 1, "Introduction." Study to end of chapter on page 10. Objective: To introduce the course we are to study and to explain the office of being an officer.

1. Of what value will this study course be to us?
2. What are the two purposes of calling leaders in the Church of Christ?
3. Why is there no connection between ignorance and office holding?
4. What is the need of fitness in all officers?
5. Make a list of the general duties of the branch officers.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks: First, "The Unity of the Godhead," references, *Articles of Faith*, page 40, with special notice of the scriptural footnotes. Second, "Scriptural Proof of the Individual Personality of the Godhead," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 41-44, including footnotes. After each talk a discussion should be led by the class leader, in which all should be encouraged to participate and express opinions.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Branch Supervision.* Chapter II, "Branch Administration." Study whole chapter down to bottom of page 18. Objective: To outline complete administration of the branch.

1. Become familiar with the complete list of branch officers. How many of these are lacking in your branch? Why?
2. What are the duties of the Branch Presidency, collectively? Individually?
3. What place has music in the branch?
4. How should the social matters of the branch be handled? By whom?

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of Priesthood activities. Two twelve-minute talks: First, "Man's Free Agency and It's Connection to His Individual Accountability," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 52-57. Second, "The Fall—Its Purpose and Result," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 63-70. A class discussion to follow each talk.

Fifth Week. Opening exercises. Ten-minute report of local Priesthood activities. Lesson: *Branch Supervision.* Chapters III, IV, V, "Branch Counsel Meetings," "Sacrament Meetings," and "Testimony Meetings." Study to middle of page 23. Objective: To gain an understanding of all branch meetings.

1. What is a "Branch Counsel Meeting?" Why is it necessary?

2. What is the necessity of Sacrament meetings? When and how held?

3. What ordinances are especially to be performed during Testimony Meetings? Make assignments a week in advance for every lesson. Success to you.

R. S. E.

RELIEF SOCIETY

First Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A ten-minute talk: "Recent Archæological Discoveries as Additional Proof for the Authenticity of the Book of Mormon." (If possible use current history for information). Lesson text: *Theology*—Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon—Lesson 6. Objective: To give a sweeping view of the important events leading up to the publishing of the Book or Mormon.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Song by ladies' trio or quartette. Work and Business. Lesson text: *Teacher's Topics*—The Beatitudes—Lesson 6. Objective: Purity of heart insures happiness, power, and leads to a perfect knowledge of God.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Have someone give a brief sketch of the Life of Shakespeare. Lesson text: *Literature*—The Delight of Great Books—Lesson 6. Romeo and Juliet—Shakespeare. Objective: To present the genius of Shakespeare and his immortal story of love—Romeo and Juliet.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Have the sisters sing a few of the favourite hymns conducive to a sympathetic understanding of the mission and life of Christ. Lesson text: *Social Service—Life Worth Living*—Lesson 6. Centennial Tract No. 6. "The Greatest of All." Objective: To give the purpose and mission of our Saviour; the true conception of Him and how we may gain a testimony of His divinity.—RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR MARCH

HE LIVES—He lives, we humbly now
Around these sacred symbols bow,
And seek, as Saints of latter days,
To do His will and live His praise.

The Concert Recitation should be recited by the Gospel Doctrine Department before the school on the first, third and fifth Sundays, and by the New Testament Department on the second and fourth Sundays.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT.

March 5. Concert Recitation. (Doctrine and Covenants 130: 20, 21) "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated—And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." Lesson No. 9. Text: Doctrine and Covenants. "Lest the Earth be Smitten with a Curse." Objective: To show that without Elijah's coming the earth would be smitten with a curse. Sectarianism, according to its own claims, reaches only a very small part of God's children. It makes no provision for the salvation of the great hosts of people who died before the Saviour's advent, and it denies salvation to large numbers of those who have lived while so-called Christianity has been upon the earth. The sectarian plan of saving the few and neglecting the many is both unjust and inefficient. Little wonder that the world would be smitten with a curse if such a condition were not corrected. Suggestions for discussion:

1. Why did Moroni stress so much the prophecy found in Malachi 4: 1-6? What was Elijah's chief purpose in coming to the Prophet Joseph Smith?

2. Why, in your judgment, would the earth have been smitten with a curse if Elijah had not come?

3. In what way does the doctrine of salvation for the dead mark Joseph Smith as one of the greatest prophets of all time?

March 12. Lesson 10. "Glad Tidings for the Dead." Text: The Doctrine and Covenants. Objective: To show that the dead are included in the plan of salvation. Temple building is peculiarly characteristic of the Latter-day Saints. The practice, which was anticipated by the first visit of the Angel Moroni, was initiated in the early history of the Church and has continued unremittingly to the present. When driven from one place to another they have immediately made preparation for the continuance of their work. In the matter of temple building the Latter-day Saints have surely demonstrated their devotion to their dead. Suggestions for discussion:

1. Why could not Peter, James and John, the First Presidency of the Church organized by Christ, bestow the Keys of the Sealing Power upon Joseph Smith?

2. Why was the Temple in Missouri not completed? Describe other attempts to build temples.

3. Why cannot we be made perfect without our dead?

4. In your judgment, when will temples be built on this hemisphere? In what way can we hasten the time?

March 19. Lesson 11. "The Temple Endowment." Text: The Doctrine and Covenants. Objective: To emphasize the duty of the living to their dead. The so-called commandments of God are merely an expression of actual conditions which must be complied

with in order to obtain desired results. The laws of God are, therefore, of universal application, and inescapable by any of His children: all must obey the same law in order to obtain a similar blessing. Teachers of this lesson will do well to impress their students with the fact that the Lord expects all of them to do their duty to their dead; not only for the sake of the dead but also for their own welfare. Suggestions for discussion:

1. Why, in your judgment, is it necessary that obedience to the same ordinances be required of both the dead and the living?
2. How do you account for the present widespread interest in genealogy among people not members of the Church?
3. How many members of your class are keeping genealogical records? How many co-operate with the branch genealogical committee?
4. In what way do Latter-day Saints retard their own salvation by neglecting their dead?

March 26. Lesson 12. "Restoration and Function of the Priesthood." Text: The Doctrine and Covenants. Objective: Throughout this discussion the teacher will do well to keep two points prominently in mind, namely, (1) that the Priesthood authorizes its holder to act in the name of God, and (2) that ability to utilize the Priesthood is acquired only through its long-continued and proper use. A man may have the Priesthood conferred upon him, but because of his failure to use it, or even respect it, it may not be a source of power to him. Indeed, it is easy to understand that in such a case his lack of appreciation may bring upon him condemnation rather than blessing. Suggestions for discussion:

1. What do you think of Deity's plan of honouring every worthy man with the Priesthood, rather than reserving it for a selected few?
2. Show that great blessings entail great responsibilities.
3. Discuss the Priesthood in the light that it gives to its worthy holder.

Note: Lessons 11 and 12 are not printed in First Quarter. They will be included in the pamphlet for the Second Quarter.

NEW TESTAMENT "A" DEPARTMENT

March 5. Concert Recitation. (I John 5:2) "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." Lesson 9. "The First Great Commandment. (a) The Nature of God." Objective: To make clear to pupils that God is the embodiment of all righteousness.

March 12. Lesson 10. "The Great Commandment, (continued) (b) Its Moral Implications." Objective: To show why love of God implies love of truth and right and willingness to obey God's commands.

March 19. Lesson 11. "The Second Great Commandment. (a) Who is my neighbour? Text: Talmage's *Jesus the Christ*, Chapter 24. Objective: To show the universal kinship of mankind.

March 26. Written Review.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

March 5. "The Elijah Stories." Text: Sunday School Lessons Nos. 45, 46 and 47. During the class period the teacher will help the children call to mind all of the Elijah stories which we had last month (February). When she thinks it will be profitable the teacher may ask some questions, or add a story or two from her own life's experiences which will strengthen the beautiful principles which the stories have taught.

March 12. Lesson 48. "The Three Kings of the East." Texts: II Kings 3. Sunday School Lessons, No. 48. Objective: The Lord blesses those who are faithful to Him.

March 19. Lesson 49. "The Impure Water and the Widow's Oil." Texts: II Kings 2: 19-22; 4: 1-8. Sunday School Lessons, No. 49. Objective: The Lord blesses those who are faithful to Him.

March 26. Lesson 50. "A Rich Woman Helps a Prophet." Texts: II Kings 4: 8-18; Sunday School Lessons, No. 50. Objective: The Lord blesses those who are faithful to Him.—*The Instructor.*

It is suggested the two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "How May We Show Our Love for God," and "The Good Samaritan."

For singing practice during the month of March, the following songs are suggested: "To Thee Our Heavenly Father," and "Sweet is the Work."—L. T. N.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

SLOGAN: "We Stand for the Enrichment of Life Through Constructive Use of Leisure and Personal Service to Fellow Man."

First Night. Opening exercises. Vocal duet. Study Period Lesson: Chapter 21, "Obedience." Objective: To prove the necessity of man yielding obedience to law,

1. What are true signs of progression?
2. What is the connection between repentance and obedience?
3. If a regulation issued by proper authority seems unjust and improper to a person, to what extent should he obey it? What should his course of action be?
4. What is obedience?

Third week of activity lessons on "Speech."

Second Night. Opening exercises. Piano solo. Study Period Lesson: Chapter 22, "A Missionary Church." Objective: To explain the necessity and place of the missionary system in the Church.

1. Why is it essential that all mankind be given a chance of hearing the Gospel?
2. Why is it that "The cause of human liberty is the cause of God"?

3. Why are temporal and spiritual laws inseparable?
4. What is the main purpose of the missionary system?

Fourth week of activity lesson on "Speech," participation night.

Third Night. Opening exercises. Reading of either a poem or story. Study Period Lesson: Chapter 23, "Temple Ordinances." Objective: A complete understanding of the work and place of temples in the great Church of Christ.

1. Tell the story of the temples of the past and present dispensations.
2. Why is the true Church of Christ always a temple building people?
3. Why is the temple an educational agency?
4. What connection is there between authority and temple work?

First week of activity lessons on "Music."

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Slogan talk: "Leisure Time—Man's Opportunity to Develop According to His Own Desires." Study Period Lesson: Chapter 24, "The Brotherhood of Man." Objective: To show the literal brotherhood of man and our place therein.

1. In what sense are all men brothers?
2. In the light of the doctrine of brotherhood, what is a person's duty to those less able than himself? To those more able?
3. Why have all men a common purpose? Why are we interdependent?

Second week of Activity lessons on "Music."

Fifth Week. Opening exercises. Slogan talk: "Enrichment of Life Through Personal Service to Fellow Man in the Light of Our Lesson on the Brotherhood of Man." Study Period Lesson: Chapter 25, "The Equality of Man." Objective: To explain the equality of man in all of its various phases.

1. What evidence have we of the correctness of the statement, "What we did in the pre-existent state conditions us here, and what we do here will condition us in the hereafter?"
2. What is the measure of a man?
3. Explain "unequal equality."

Third week of activity lessons on "Music."—R. S. E. and I. A. W.

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